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PACKAGING BAGS WITH A FASTENER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to any action in above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Kindly rewrite the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS portion of the

application as follows:

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/633,944, filed on

August 08, 2000, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/292,256, filed on April 15,

1999 and abandoned.